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Sean J. McLaughlin

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1955
 Education: Georgetown 1977 BA, 1980 JD
 Began Service: October 13, 1994
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable William W. Knox, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1980-1981)

Legal Practice: Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall & Sennett (1981-1994)

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Joy Flowers Conti
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 7, 1948
 Education: Duquesne 1970 BA, 1973 JD
 Began Service: August 30, 2002
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Professor of Law, School of Law, Duquesne University (1976-1982)

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Justice Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1973-1974)

Legal Practice: Associate, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1974-1976); Partner, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1983-1996); Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll PC (1996-2002)

Current Memberships: Allegheny County Bar Association; American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; The Pittsburgh American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Foundation

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David Stewart Cercone
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
 Education: Westminster (PA) 1974 BA; Duquesne 1977 JD
 Began Service: September 12, 2002

Academic: Adjunct Faculty, Robert Morris College (1993-1995)

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Judge Paul R. Zavarella, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas (1978-1979)

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (1979-1981)

Judicial: District Justice, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1982-1985)

Staff

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Terrence F. McVerry
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
 Education: Duquesne 1962 BA, 1968 JD
 Began Service: September 27, 2002

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (1969-1973)

Judicial: Judge, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania (1998-2000)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Eddy & Osterman (1966-1970); Partner, McVerry, Baxter & Cindrich (1972-1988); Attorney, Grogan, Graffam, McGinley & Lucchino PTR (1989-1998)

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**Arthur J. Schwab**
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 7, 1946
 Education: Grove City 1968 AB;
 Virginia 1972 JD
 Began Service: January 1, 2003
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Affiliation: Adjunct Professor, Grove City College

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chief Judge Collins J. Seitz, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1972-1973)

Legal Practice: Summer Law Clerk, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue (1971); Summer Law Clerk, Reed Smith Shaw & McClay LLP (1972); Deputy Head, Reed Smith Shaw & McClay LLP (1973-1990); Chair of Litigation, Buchanan Ingersoll PC (1990-1999); Chief Counsel-Complex Litigation, Buchanan Ingersoll PC (2000-2002)

Military Service: United States Army National Guard and Army Reserve (1968-1978)

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Kim R. Gibson
District Judge

Education: West Point 1970 BS; Dickinson Law 1975 JD
 Began Service: 2003
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Public Defender, Court of Common Pleas, County of Somerset, Pennsylvania (1978-1980); Assistant County Solicitor, Children and Youth Services, County of Somerset, Pennsylvania (1980-1988); Solicitor, County of Somerset, Pennsylvania (1988-1998)

Judicial: Judge, Court of Common Pleas of 16th Judicial District (1998-2003)

Military Service: U.S. Army (1966-1978); Post Judge Advocate, U.S. Army (1975-1978); U.S. Army Reserve (1978-1996)

Staff

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Nora Barry Fischer
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
 Education: Notre Dame 1976 JD; St Mary's Col (IN) 1973 BA
 Began Service: April 2007
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: National Institute of Trial Advocacy Instructor, School of Law, University of Pittsburgh; National Institute of Trial Advocacy Instructor, School of Law, Duquesne University

Corporate: Editor, Callaghan and Company, Legal Publishers (1976-1977)

Government: Arbitrator, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Judicial: Adjunct Settlement Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Legal Practice: Associate, Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck, PLLC (1977-1980); Junior Partner, Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck, PLLC (1980-1982); Senior Partner, Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck, PLLC (1982-1992); Equity Partner, Pietragallo Bosick & Gordon, LLP (1992-2007)

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